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C Manzana, Pale Natural,		1.00
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CC Superior Old Dry, Pale		1.00
Natural Sherry, Red Seal		
Capsule.....	10	
D Very Superior Old Pale		1.50
Dry, choice old wine,		
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Capsule.....	1.10	
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Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vin-		
tage, Red Capsule.....	24	

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A Thorne's Blend, White Cap-		0.75
sule.....	8	
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow		0.75
Blend, Blue Capsule.....	8	
C Watson's Aboulnervet, Red		0.75
Capsule, with Name and		
Trade Mark.....	8	
D Watson's H K D Blend of		1.00
the Finest Scotch Malt		
Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10	
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur		1.10
Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule		
.....	12	

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A John Jameson's Old, Green		0.75
Capsule.....	8	
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Green Capsule.....	10	
C John Jameson's Very Fine		1.10
Old, Green Capsule.....	12	
D Jameson's Black & White		1.00
Scotch Whisky, with Name		
.....	10	

GIN.

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule		0.40
.....	4.50	
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Capsule.....	4.50	
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Capsule.....	12	
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

INSPECTION OF TEA IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 18th.

At nearly all the ports in the United Kingdom, inspectors have been appointed to sample all imported tea.

THE BACCARAT SCANDAL.

Nearly all the home papers concur with the verdict, but they criticize the appointment of Mr. R. H. the Prince of Wales with the scandal.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL.
The Portuguese Cortes have passed the African Convention Bill and it will be signed to-day.

BEHRING STRAITS SEALED UP.

June 17th.
Great Britain and the United States have notified the agreement closing the sealing season in Behring Straits until May 1892.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ancona* left Nagasaki for this port at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

FIRST Sportsman.—"Well, I didn't miss that one, at all events." Second ditto "No, Sir, they will fly into it sometimes."

AN eminent surgeon says that with four cuts and a few stitches he can alter a man's face so that his own mother would not know him. Any illustrated newspaper can do that with only one cut.

AN Emergency Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE King of Greece got right in the swim to-day and made \$6,000,000 in the speculation on the London-Stock Exchange in one swoop. At the present juncture it would be interesting to know what His Majesty's opinion is on short-selling.

A YOUNG man, from beyond the Alps, turned up in Rome with such a perfect likeness to the Emperor Augustus that the Emperor sent for him. Emperor: "Youman, was your mother ever in Rome?" The Stranger: "No, sire, but my father was."

A CITIZEN of Savannah once tried to draw out Sherman against Grant. Said Sherman: "I won't do it; it won't do. General Grant is a great General. I know him well. He stood by me when I was crazy, and I stood by him when he was drunk, and now, sir, we stand by each other, always."

THERE were no more disturbances reported in the North up to Monday. At the German Consulate General, Shanghai, on Saturday, about 40 gentlemen, veteran soldiers and sailors, put down their names as a company of German Shanghai Volunteers, to be placed under the orders of Major Morrison.

THINGS we smile at.—Mr. Granville Sharp, (who buys the middle lot at every land sale and then waits till the adjoining tenants make it worth fifty times as much) wakening up with the conviction that "the cultivation of land is the only proper employment for a gentleman." Change here for Kowloon.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—
March—"The Bogie Man".....Kapoor.
Lancers—"The River of Years".....D'Almeida.
Vale—"The River of Years".....D'Almeida.
Pala—"Chippies".....Pala.
Quadrille—"Amusement".....Zeff.
Gala—"Psalms".....Kulze.

OVERHEARD at the local tennorial emporium to-day. "Does de rash hurt you?" asked the genial "boss" in the uninterested perfunctory manner usual to him. "Yes, it does most decidedly," was the emphatic reply. The remark brought no change in the situation, and the man in the chair said: "I told you that the rash hurt me." "Yes, sir," was the mild spoken rejoinder; "free or fash oder gentlemen said de same thing to-day."

FRANK BURGH and Emma Burgh, man and wife, are simply making a fortune, by exhibiting themselves all over Germany; they have already done Vienna and Berlin. They are youngish people, and the attraction is the amazing tattoo all over their bodies of which they show as much as possible, for the tattoo has a curious effect, as of clothing, and quite takes away the idea of nakedness. Frank has the Crucifixion beautifully tattooed on his chest, and Emma has the Last Supper with equal skill upon her back. One of her legs is tattooed all over with emblems of Ireland, and the other with emblems of America while Frank has a fine portrait of Emma on his stomach. It would almost take a book to describe all the picture tattooing they are adorned with. For the time being this show runs away with the money. The Burghs are Irish Americans.

THE natives in Mindanao have been trying to shake off the Spanish yoke, and a good reason of them are now being without benefit of clergy in consequence. The Manila *Comercio* describes with much uncision how a gallant army was sent to coax the Moros into a proper sense of slavery again, and how, on the 12th ult., borders of the natives gathered around the camp with curious gaze, when all of a sudden the artillery opened on them, killing and wounding many, including a couple of "Sultans." And amidst the confusion did not pervade the beating ranks as much as one would expect after all this, on the 20th May the gallant Spaniards took a couple of gunboats up the lakes to another surging crowd of naked trash, and turned the multitudes on. Next day several regiments attacked the Moros' atay villages, and a glorious butchery ensued, in which over 100 of the rebels were killed, "an enormous number wounded," and many prisoners taken. These latter were sent to Manila for trial. The trouble is not yet over, though several more regiments being dispatched from Manila to the scene of strife last Saturday. N.B.—The Spanish authorities in Madrid won't ask for any Blue-book, or talk about treachery on their side, *la Manipur*!

ALL Eastern folk who had the pleasure of meeting Signor Majeroni and his amiable and highly gifted wife when on their recent tour in search of health, will be glad to learn that the benefit which was recently accorded them by Sydney admirers, and which was rendered necessary by rather painful circumstances, turned out a brilliant success. The *Bulletin* says:—"The Majeroni benefit that ever took place in Australia. Her Majesty's was crowded everywhere, even in the gallery, and the whole area of dress-circles and stalls were reserved long prior to the rising of the curtain. Artists, managers, theatre-hands, printers, bill-posters, ushers, musicians, and representative theatre goss, fairly tumbled over one another in their efforts to do service, and one gentleman, a well-known metallurgist, was responsible for the sale of 350 five-shilling tickets. When such enthusiasm was displayed, it is not surprising that the sum realised should have topped by £50 that (£400) obtained by the benefit in this house for the Bourke Relief Fund, albeit that was for a public calamity. Illness prevented Signor Majeroni from attending, but a tender and mournful letter of thanks and farewell from this great artist, generous and whole-souled man, was read by George Rignold to a deeply interested audience."

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Aradon* *Afar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore to-day for this port.

THE agents (Messrs. Carlowitz & Co.) inform us that the Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Bormida*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected on or about the 24th inst.

A Sioux City evangelist who was formerly a lawyer says: "There is no use in talking; a man can't be honest and be a lawyer. I know that to be so. A lawyer goes in to win his case, and if he can't do it by fair means he will by foul." Did this worthy evangelist ever live in Hongkong, we wonder?

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme in the Public Gardens, to-morrow, from 8.30 to 10 p.m.:—
Overture—"Zennet".....Auber.
Vale—"Trio".....Mendelssohn.
Selection—"Les Cloches de Corneville".....Plaque.
Comet Solo—"The Bells".....Green.
Selection—"Remembrance".....Walters.

WE learn from Manila that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's branch had not yet re-opened on Tuesday last, as was expected. Register and four shady friends went to the place last Saturday and threatened to break down the doors, in order to get the money under the order from the Court, but an official intimation that Bellbet had not yet too full made them change their minds. The feeling among the English residents there—runs—very high—the general verdict being that there is no such thing as justice in the whole colony.

THE tightness in the money market seems to be relaxing, and business prospects all round are brightening. The Bank of England lowered their rate of discount yesterday from 4 to 3½ per cent, a few weeks ago—and the market rate for three-months-bills was also reduced to 3 per cent per annum. The price of silver went up a couple of points in New York, too, yesterday, in consequence of extensive private speculation, though it receded one point before the market closed. Still, it all points towards a rise in the value of the dollar. Tea trade at Foochow is reported as being very active.

HONGKONG is not yet sufficiently civilised to have a School Board, with all its appurtenances, but all the same it can raise a first mother-and-teacher fight. At the Magistrate's court, Mr. Wong Mui, a married woman, and Ho Chin schoolboy, were charged with assaulting Tain Yow Wai, school-master at Wan Chai. From the evidence of the prosecutor and his wife it appeared that the younger had been disrespectful, and when he was rebuked for his wickedness his mother and another woman came to the school, assembled a great crowd, dragged the schoolmaster, hit him on the nose, and used both fists and umbrellas to beat him. The irate mother was bound over to keep the peace for six months, at the rate of \$25.

A SWISS doctor says that many persons who extend their mental work well into the night, who during the evening follow attentively the programme of a theatre or concert, or who engage evenings in the proceedings of societies or clubs, are awakened in the morning or in the night with headache. For a long while the doctor was himself a sufferer from headache of this kind, but of late years has wholly protected himself from it by the simple means. When he is obliged to continue his brain work into the evening, or to be out late nights in rooms not well ventilated, instead of going directly to bed he takes a brisk walk for half an hour or an hour. While taking this tramp he stops now and then and practices lung gymnastics by breathing in and out deeply a few times. When he then goes to bed he sleeps soundly. Notwithstanding the shortening of the hours of sleep, he awakes with no trace of headache. There exists a clear and well-known physiological reason why this treatment should be effective.

THE following gem, addressed to our office goat, has been deposited by that sagacious animal in the sanctum.

Dear Goat,—
Asking pardon of the three
Who write poetry with thee,
I address you at 11.15.
Poor Hooper has lost the Election,
Because he'd got no-one to elect,
But since he has lost it, I think your
Comments on his grammar too bad.
He promised to do many things,
About which no man now ever bothers,
He lost, so can't do as he sings—
But tell me, dear Goat, will the others?
I wasn't along at the voting
Although I pay rates (half once too)
That I wasn't in now rather sorry,
But I address you at 11.15.
But until this magnificent Goat
Has a good municipality,
Elections to Boards as at present
Are fit only for you and me.

GANDER.

(In the dry part of Tytan).

THE same old giddy infant rushing miserably into destruction has, turned up once more—this time at Dunedin (Maoriland). She was a small female child of eleven, with an old eye and a look of ancient wisdom, and a calm, self-possessed way at the police-station, and told the inspector how she had been "assaulted" by Andrew Manson, artisan. She was such a parched, dried-up prehistoric-looking infant that the officer was staggered, and though he hardly believed her, she swore affidavits and took oaths with such surprising fluency that there was nothing for it but to run Manson in. The accused appeared at the police-court next morning, and tried in a calm, unshaken way to find out what it was all about; but his accuser climbed into the witness-box with a considerable exhibition of white stockings and undergarments and warned up on a chair so that her head might appear over the top, and talked the court nearly to death in about two minutes. Then she danced down again, and the bench committed Manson for trial, and went home wondering at the prematurely aged and *blat* aspect of the prosecution. And finally the assizes came on, but by that time Manson had recovered his senses sufficiently to hire a lawyer, and that person drew the infant out who she abandoned all considerations of time and space, and made statements that were contrary to the laws of gravitation and cohesion and everything else; and then she burst into tears and acknowledged that she had got the whole story from another girl, and that the other girl had got it out of a newspaper. Whereupon she climbed out of the witness-box with another exhibition of white stockings and undergarments, and fled for home. The story doesn't go any further. If this infant with the ancient eye and the old understanding had perjured herself over a case of petty larceny there would have been trouble, but no one ever dreams of prosecuting the girl who has faked up an innocent story with a view to getting a man-offer a complete stranger—just into penal servitude. The *Bulletin* is our authority for adding that there are about three dozen such girls loose in various parts of Australia, and they are mostly prepossessing.

THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Afax*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning, and is due on the 24th inst.

TRIPLE screws on war-ships are being introduced by all the principal naval Powers except England, the excellence of engines showing that 15,000-horse-power is the maximum that can be effectively transmitted through one screw.

THE Legislative Council chamber this afternoon presented the very unattractive spectacle of a Queen's Council addressing them from the foot of the table, a broker and a couple of ladies seated behind the Governor, and a dozen members of the Brokers' Association seated promiscuously in the rear of the recording angels.

WE would remind our readers that America's only tragedian Mr. Geo. C. Miln, and Company, will open here on Tuesday evening the 23rd inst. in "Julius Caesar." The box plan is on view at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's where seats are now being booked. The performance is under the patronage of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

PRINCE Albert of Anhalt, the affianced bridegroom of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, is a descendant of the "Old Dessauer," of whom Carlyle wrote: "He invented the iron ramrod; he invented the equal step; in fact, he is the inventor of modern military tactics," to say nothing of a choice collection of guttural "cuss" words, which he not only invented but held the patents of.

THE North German Lloyd steamships in 1890 covered 81,224 sea miles between Bremen and New York, 14,992 between Bremen and Baltimore, 64,500 between Bremen and South America, 304,803 on the East Asiatic service, 245,000 on the Australian, 21,200 on the Hongkong-Japan 65,100 on the Sydney-Samoa, and 48,360 on the Brindisi-Port Said. Total—2,630,476 miles.

GREAT BRITAIN CRASHES.

The Calcutta failure of 1831 involved \$75,000,000.
The failure in Holland in 1773 exceeded \$50,000,000.
The English failures of 1847 involved \$100,000,000.
The "wild cat" crisis in the United States in 1837 caused all the banks to close.
During the great panic of 1873 in the United States 7,200 houses failed for \$550,000,000.
"Black Friday" in Wall Street New York, was on September 24th, 1869. Fortunes were swept away like chaff.
The shoe and leather trade crisis in Boston in 1883 caused losses amounting to over ten million dollars.
The Overend, Gurney & Co. failure, nearly a quarter of a century ago, involved other parties to the amount of \$200,000,000.
In 1799, in Hamburg, there were eighty-two failures, involving \$10,000,000.
In 1814 250 banks suspended payment in England, and in 1823 at Manchester failures occurred to the amount of \$100,000,000.
The Grant & Ward failure in New York city in 1884 involved many financial and business houses to the amount of over \$25,000,000.
In 1830 the Bank of France was saved by the Bank of Braccio. A panic in France during the same year caused ninety-three companies to fail for the sum of \$30,000,000, and when the smashing of '91 has quite finished this cheerful list will be continued.

A LONDON paper refers to the cant that is so often evidenced by the actions of British members of Parliament, in the following terse terms:—

"The Houses of Parliament are equal to any emergency. One day they adjourn their business to attend a horse-race; next they adjourn it to allow members to go to Church. Pledging and betting are equally easy to the House of Commons—a body of gentlemen who are only unanimous in recognizing that the common basis of their position is hypocrisy. Mr. W. H. Smith—that pious man who has just booked himself into the snug seclusion of Warden of the Cinque Ports—moved that, Thursday being Ascension Day, the Committees of the House should not meet until two, the theory being that members would be anxious to go to church. Needless to say, the House nuzzled. But they have a part to play. They have to deceive a glib public into the belief that they are serious, religious men, anxious to show their respect for religion by postponing the national business on the anniversary of the day when Jesus, the great Jewish teacher, was reported by his followers to have ascended into the clouds to some undefined place in space called 'Heaven.' Sir W. P. Woodson sarcastically asked whether the respectable W. H. Smith would move the adjournment of the House for the whole sitting on Derby Day. Pious Smith, prudently kept silence. The Roman Catholic members, of course, supported the Government in their motion, they being much given to the observance of days and rites. The Government carried their proposal with 110 votes, the majority including many betting men and notorious evil-livers. Had De Cobain—who has fled from justice—been present, no doubt he would have voted in the majority with his Orange colleagues, Mr. W. Johnston."

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Aikroyd, Acting Chief Justice.)

June 19th.

FRASER-SMITH v. SASSOON.

Mr. Holmes appeared for the plaintiff, and asked for an adjournment of the case on account of Mr. Fraser-Smith's departure from the colony under the direction of his medical adviser. He expected to return in about nine weeks.

Mr. Hastings for the defendant, opposed the application. No evidence had been adduced, no affidavit filed, and there was nothing to show that the plaintiff had left the colony or, if so, that he would return. There should be at least an affidavit from the medical man.

His Lordship thought there should be some medical evidence, and also something to show that plaintiff intended to return. He would adjourn the case till next Friday.

BARRETTO v. CHINA GINGER CO.

Mr. Barretto claimed \$911 for arrears of salary from the China Ginger Company, from April 1890 to April 1891. Mr. Gedge appeared for the plaintiff and said the defendant company had consented to a judgment against them. Mr. Smith, one of the directors, represented the company and said the amount was quite correct and the claim was admitted. Judgment was accordingly given for plaintiff with costs.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present—H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government; Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. W. M. Denne; Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Messrs. J. J. Keawick, T. H. Whitehead, P. Ryrie, and Ho Kai.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORTS.

The Educational Report, for 1890 from the Inspector of Schools, and the Report on the Blue Book and Departmental Reports for 1890 were laid on the table.

The Colonial Secretary said he also laid on the table by direction of His Excellency a copy of a telegram dated April 25th from the Governor to the Secretary of State; telegram dated May 2nd from the Secretary of State to the Governor; telegram dated May 6th from the Governor to the Secretary of State. Also copy of despatch No. 71 dated April 3rd, 1891 from the Secretary of State to the Governor, and despatch No. 91, dated May 7th, from the Secretary of State to the Governor. The telegram and despatch of the Secretary of State to the Governor, dated May 7th, were the subject of questions which one hon. member had wished to ask, but they did not appear on the agenda to-day because the usual three clear days notice had not been given. That, however, was immaterial, as these documents gave all the desired, and much additional information.

Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Secretary of State's telegram of 2nd May last and a copy of Lord Knutsford's Despatch No. 71 of 31st idem in connection with the Salaries Question, also a copy of his Excellency Governor de Vaux's telegrams of 25th April and 6th May to the Secretary of State on the same subject.

The vote of \$3,000 for the Magazine Gap water supply recommended by the Governor was referred to the finance committee.

MOTIONS.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting—

(1.) That the services rendered by the Chinese Admiral Fong and his officers in tracking and bringing to trial and condign punishment the pirates who are deserving of every acknowledgment and that the Government be requested to convey to Admiral Fong and his officers through the customary channels the hearty thanks of the community and of this Council for their exertions.

(2.) That the existence of gambling houses in Chinese Kowloon and the toleration of gambling by the authorities there, is and has been for some time past, a very serious cause of annoyance and injury to the inhabitants of the colony and tends to render inoperative recent legislation against gambling.

(3.) That the Government be requested to move the Chinese authorities with a view to the entire suppression of public gambling and gambling houses at Kowloon.

The Acting Governor replied that the first question had been dealt with, and suitable acknowledgment made, and as to the second, the question was under the serious consideration of the Government, and correspondence had passed between the Chinese authorities and the Colonial Council at Canton.

Mr. Whitehead asked for the production of the papers, but His Excellency thought it inexpedient.

MR. KEAWICK'S QUESTION.

In reply to Mr. Keawick's question the Colonial Secretary said that members of the Council who were exempt from jury service were precluded from nominating candidates or voting in Sanitary Board elections.

NEW BILLS.

On the motion of the Attorney-General seconded by the Colonial Secretary the Council agreed to First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to license the present Church of the Immaculate Conception for the celebration of marriage from the time of its opening."

On the motion of the Attorney-General seconded by the Registrar-General, the Council agreed to First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1890."

On the motion of the Attorney-General seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Council agreed to Third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to give the same validity to Ordinances Nos. 18 and 19 of 1884 as if they had been proclaimed to come into force on the 23rd day of September, 1884."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "The Fort Protection Ordinance, 1891."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide against abuses connected with the erection of Public Latrines."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend The Public Health Ordinance, 1887."

THE SHARE BILL.

Mr. Whitehead rose to move that counsel be heard on the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law in respect of the sale of Shares in Companies registered under the Companies Ordinance 1885, to 1886 and in other [sic] Stock Companies."

Mr. Ho Kai seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Mr. Francis, Q.C., then addressed the Council. He said—May I please your Excellency and this hon. Council, I appear instructed by the Sharebrokers' Association to present to this hon. Council certain arguments, which in their opinion, as an associated body, seem to them to have very great weight in opposing this Bill, and which they believe if fairly presented before this hon. Council will probably lead the Council to refuse to pass the second reading of the Bill

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between a Protectionist who won't federate and a Freetrader who will. If its desire for Federation is its strongest point, it probably accepts the latter individual; and when he gets into the House and finds that he must sacrifice one of his principles because Federation and Protection are on one party's programme, and Freetrade and provincialism on the other, he may easily throw over the wrong principle, however great his desire to keep faith with his supporters; for the sufficient reason that these same supporters never had any opportunity to explain the exact reason why they elected him. Therefore the electorate which desired to vote Protection and Federation may find its representative doing his level best to carry out his duties by voting for provincialism and Freetrade. Even if there were only two principles to put before the country, such a complication may easily arise upon them; but when the issue is also mixed up with questions of local grievances, land and suffrage problems, religious differences, and a dozen other matters, the Voice of the People becomes altogether extinct. And even if all the Governments of Australia go to the country on the subject of Federation, it is more than doubtful if a single one of them will come back with any more distinct idea of the popular sentiment than it possesses to-day.

As a remedy for this difficulty it has been suggested that the Federation Bill should be submitted to a direct vote of the Australian people in order that it might be decided entirely apart from all other considerations, and even this is only the beginning of a solution of the great problem. A popular vote could not doubt show a majority in favour of Australia; but whether the Federation Party wanted this kind of Federation or some other and totally distinct variety, there would be nothing whatever to show. The voter who desired to get rid of the incubus of an Upper House, or to establish a Federal Court which should be absolutely free from foreign interference, or who disagreed to the widely absurd principle that the higher position in the Australian Commonwealth should be reserved for foreigners, would be debarred from any expression of opinion on these and many other important points; and if the nations gave its vote to the Federation under such circumstances that fact would merely prove that it considered it as the less of two evils. The only method by which the wishes of the people can be accurately ascertained is by taking a vote on each separate principle of the great scheme. And even then it will probably be of little account unless universal suffrage is abolished, and the suffrage extended on equal terms to every Australian citizen, and as politician has yet arisen to suggest such a scheme it can only be assumed that the voice of the People, so expressed, is a thing which the average placeman has no desire to hear. And the one thing which is absolutely certain among a great number of uncertainties that, as a means of testing the opinion of the nation, a dissolution is of about as much avail as a dog-fight.—*Sydney Bulletin*.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Yalouoc & Co.'s Register, Today.)

Temperature—3 P.M.	80
Temperature—4 P.M.	80
Temperature—5 P.M.	80
Temperature—6 P.M.	80
Temperature—7 P.M.	80
Temperature—8 P.M.	80
Temperature—9 P.M.	80
Temperature—10 P.M.	80
Temperature—11 P.M.	80
Temperature—12 P.M.	80
Temperature—1 P.M.	80
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